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Catherine A. Fisher  
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Washington, DC 20549

Re: Issues Arising in Connection with an Application Filed by American Electric Power Company, Inc., for Additional Financing Authority to Acquire EWGs and FUCOs.

File No. 70-9785

Ms. Fisher:

This is in response to your letter dated July 26, 2002 inquiring about the above-referenced issues. American Electric Power Company, Inc. ("AEP") is a registered holding company with a wholly-owned subsidiary, Kingsport Power Company ("KPC"), located in Tennessee.

KPC is a public utility as defined in T.C.A. § 65-4-101, and, as such, is subject to regulation by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority under T.C.A. § 65-4-104. The Tennessee Regulatory Authority is committed to protecting the customers of all public utilities within its jurisdiction and has both the authority and the resources to do so.

The Tennessee Regulatory Authority has no reason to oppose the increase in AEP's investment authority for EWG and FUCO investments.

I hope this answers your questions. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sara Kyle  
Chairman

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